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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ONMFA BUDGET

1. TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE OF MFA BUDGET FEBRUARY 21, WHICH OFFERED POSSIBILITY FOR FURTHER AIRING OF VIEWS ON CUTOFF OF US MILITARY AID, WAS SPARSELY ATTENDED AND CONSISTED MAINLY OF REITERATION OF PARTIES' KNOWN POSITIONS. BASIC POINTS MADE BY PARTY SPOKESMEN VIS-A-VIS AID CUTOFF WERE:

A. NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY SPOKESMAN MUFTUOGLU NOTED THAT IT WAS WRONG TO ESTABLISH A LINKAGE BETWEEN AID CUTOFF AND NATO AND THAT IT "WOULD BE HARMFUL TO...HASTILY CALL FOR AN END TO NATO AND THE BASES."

B. JUSTICE PARTY SPOKESMAN OZTURK SAID THAT US "ARMS  
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EMBARGO" WAS A UNILATERAL VIOLATION OF AGREEMENTS BUT TURKEY

STILL BELIEVED IN USEFULNESS OF NATO.

C. REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY CHAIRMAN FEYZIOGLU RAISED QUESTIONS OF US-USSR COLLUSION: "WE HAVE TO ANALYZE WHAT OTHER FACTORS PLAYED A PART IN THE AMERICAN EMBARGO AND AID CUT TO TURKEY. CONSIDERING THE SECRET CONTACTS MADE BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE USA DURING THE CUBAN CRISI, IT WOULD BE WRONG TO EXPLAIN THE MATTER AS BEING SOLELY INTERNAL POLITICAL STRIFE BETEEN CONGRESS AND FORD-KISSINGER."

D. REPUBLICAN PEOPLES' PARTY (RPP) SPOKESMAN ULMAN TOOK POSITION THAT THERE WAS NO POINT IN CONTINUING TO INCREASE TURKEY'S SECURITY RISK BY KEEPING AMERICAN BASES AFTER THE UNILATERAL SUSPENSION OF AID. HE SAID "WE MUST DEFINITELY SHOW CONGRESS THAT THERE IS A PRICE FOR THE DECISION IT TOOK AGAINST TURKEY... NOW CONGRESS WILL EITHER REVISE ITS DECISION OR TURKEY WILL SEEK OTHER COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN HER MILITARY MATERIAL. THIS MEANS GIVING A NEW DIRECTION TO TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY."

2. COMMENT: MINIMAL DISCUSSION OF US AID CUT PROBABLY REFLECTS PARTY LEADERS' WISH FOR RESTRAINT ON THIS ISSUE IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS WITH CONGRESS TO SUCCEED.

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